

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEAF  
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In re U.S. Application of:

Applicant(s): Richard J. Ernst

Serial No.: 10/687,451

Conf. No.: 8743

Filed: October 16, 2003

For: ROD HANGER FOR  
SECURING A ROD TO A  
SUBSTRATE

Art Unit: 3632

Examiner: Epps, Todd Michael

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Commissioner for Patents  
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May 24, 2006  
Date

  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	24	0	\$50.00	\$ 00.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00	\$ 00.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	\$ 00.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 00.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 00.00

 Amendment D. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached. Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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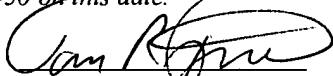
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 24, 2006, the  
Applicant through his undersigned attorney provides the following remarks traversing  
selected of the rejections of the Final Office Action.